and in what manner they compare with the offers of the other firms; and

(b) whether the deal was clinched after the Danish Prime Minister's visit to India in January, 1987; if so, the points discussed with him about the deal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) A contract for supply, erection and Commissioning of Optic Fibre Cable communication system has been awarded in May, 1988 to a Consortium of Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd., M|s. Hindustan Cables Ltd. and M|s. NKT of Denmark. The contract was on the basis of lowest and technically in accordance with specification including normal warranty period against Global tenderes opened on 30-12-1987. The contract was awarded on merits alone and there is no connection with the visit of Danish Prime Minister to India.

Reported Chaos in Promotion of Teachers in KVS

1953. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in Navbharat Times dated the 11th June, 1988 under the caption "Adhyapakon Ke Padonnati Mein Arajakta" regarding chaos generated by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan's promotional policy;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and execution referred to in it; and

(c) what steps, if any, have been taken or proposed to be taken by Government to check/remove the alleged chaos?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news item mentioned about the current promotion/transfer policy in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, according to which a TGT on promotion as PGT and a PGT on recruitment or promotion as a Vice-Principal is posted out of the region in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan as well as out of the language area. It has also been stated in the news-item that this policy has resulted in a large number of teachers declining promotion.

(c) The Board of Governors of the KVS, in its meeting held on 31-5-88 have agreed that teachers promoted as PGTs and Vice-Principals will be posted either outside the region or language area. Since this decision was late for effecting transfer in the summer vacations for 1988, this modification will become effective from 1-5-1989 when the general transfer would be next ordered.

Free distribution of the formulation under National Health Programme

1954. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 143 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ferrous Sulphate, Folic Acid and Vitamin A in finished formulations are commonly used under Maternal and Child Health Programme;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these formulations are freely distributed under National Health Programme;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government did not recommend for price control despite these factors;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government recommended these drugs for inclusion under category-I and later on, amended the list under the pressure of drug companies;